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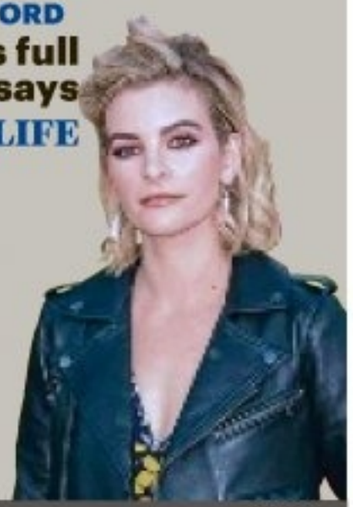

Here's an idea: Tory, Wynne try social housing

Vicky Mochama
Metro | Opinion

John Tory and Kathleen Wynne do not need to have a petty public beef over which one has failed to do their job on social housing. This is easy to settle: They both have.

Over the weekend, Mayor Tory walked through a Toronto Community Housing complex and handed out flyers that said, "The Ontario Government is not helping to get your house fixed." The week prior, Tory, along with other councillors, had voted to permanently close 138 housing units.

By 2018, without additional funding, TCH expects to close 1,000 units. Without funding from other levels of government, the number of closed units could grow to 7,500 by 2023 — that means almost 20,000 of Toronto's most vulnerable people will be without a home.

Premier Wynne has said that there are other priorities across the province. One of her ministers, Transportation Minister Steven Del Duca, accused Tory of behaviour that "is a little bit over the line."

Clearly, neither Tory nor Wynne has spent time in the community housing units that most need their attention because both the city and the province are failing to serve TCH tenants.

The total cost for TCH repairs stands at $2.6 billion. This number is not a surprise; this isn't a tree coming through the roof during a storm. Social housing advocates and TCH residents have been asking successive governments to do something for years.

The crisis has its roots in years of neglect.

When the province shifted the burden for social housing onto municipalities, it gave little money for capital repairs. Even then, those units were nearing the end of their life. Yet, as units have edged closer to complete disrepair, Toronto city council has repeatedly found a way to not write the necessary cheque.

As TVO's John Michael McGrath has pointed out, it's not for lack of money. The city has lifted the cushions and dug out enough coins for the rebuilding of the Gardiner.

They've also found the will to take the financial hit on the ongoing Scarborough subway kerfuffle by raising property taxes.

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Abby Dangerfield, 6, left, and Gabriel Nikolakakis, 4, from Bloorview integrated kindergarten class play together. RICK MADONIK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

'WE NEED TO KEEP THIS PROGRAM'

Former students among those trying to save kindergarten that unites kids of mixed abilities

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Traffic signal a step closer to green light

TORONTO'S DEADLY STREETS

Councillor says he's fought for signal since being elected

David Hains
Metro | Toronto

Richmond and Simcoe could finally get the green light for its long-sought traffic signal.

It's a fixture local councillor Joe Cressy says he's been fighting for "since he was elected," and one that's overdue.

"Our streets in the downtown core are increasingly dangerous," he said, adding that the neighbourhood around the intersection has grown from 1,000 residents in 1996 to 30,000 today.

Cressy said the traffic signal would also be important for cyclists who use protected lanes along Richmond, calling the intersection "a perfect illustration" of the need for safer streets.

City staff conducted a study that determined the intersection met the criteria for a traffic light. However, the initial report recommended against the installation, citing a policy against traffic lights within 200 metres of one another.

The report also determined it was "adequate" for pedestrians to wait two to three minutes for a sufficient gap in cars to safely cross the road.

Pedestrians crossing the intersections of Richmond and Simcoe Streets in downtown Toronto on April 27. EDUARDO LIMA/METRO

> **It's about making our streets safer for everyone.**
> Coun. Joe Cressy

But city staff told Metro they have since waived the 200-metre policy given that the intersection met the criteria and had the support of Cressy and community council, removing one potential obstacle for approval. Staff will issue a new report on Tuesday, Cressy says, and it will be considered at council's meeting in May.

The danger posed to pedestrians at the intersection has made headlines in the past.

In October 2015 a police officer driving a cruiser struck a 57-year-old pedestrian crossing south on the west side of Simcoe. The victim fractured both her ankles. The Special Investigations Unit did not charge the officer, noting the pedestrian was jaywalking and might have had her vision obscured by a hood.

"You cannot expect the situation to improve without improving our streets," said Cressy, arguing that if council is "truly committed" to its road-safety plan they will pass the motion.

ENVIRONMENT

Planting funds for city's tree canopy

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

Toronto is bringing the green fight to private lands.

A new funding proposal will seek over $1 million for citizen-led initiatives to expand tree canopy on private land across the city.

The proposal is part of the city's efforts to create private partnerships for tree planting and tree care, and follows the launch of Every Tree Counts campaign two years ago. If approved at council in May, it will see between 5,000 to 10,000 new trees planted on private properties across the city by end of 2017.

Public-private partnerships to increase the city's tree canopy coverage makes sense because 60 per cent of Toronto's trees are privately owned, said Carla Grant, executive director of Toronto Parks and Tree Foundation.

"There's a lot of potential for engaging homeowners and communities in tree planting and care," she said, noting that her organization will partner with the city, and part of the program will focus on public outreach and education.

Toronto has an estimated 10.2 million trees, about 35 per cent of which are in public parks and ravines.

HERITAGE

No buyers for Bank of Toronto building

One of Toronto's most famous heritage buildings failed to sell at auction after a deal fell through.

The historic Bank of Toronto building at 205 Yonge St. was put up for auction in February and attracted several bids before its March 23 deadline.

One bid was "record-breaking" for Yonge Street on a price-per-square-foot basis, Shawn Abramovitz of Core Consultants Realty told Metro. But the deal didn't close.

"The buyer and seller didn't see eye to eye," he said, adding that the deal collapsed in the due diligence period.

No other bids were deemed sufficient.

205 Yonge St. EDUARDO LIMA/METRO

The four-storey domed building designed by famed Toronto architect E.J. Lennox first opened in 1905. But it has been vacant for 15 years and last sold in 2007 for $3.65 million. DAVID HAINS/METRO

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Dude, where's my streetcar?

5/40 (on schedule)

Please welcome streetcar No. 4435, which is undergoing tests at Leslie Barns.

Story: David Hains
Graphic: Jason Logan

The TTC actually received this streetcar in late April. That technically puts Bombardier ahead of its 2017 schedule, but we shouldn't mention that, because that would jinx it. Oh no, what have we done? We are so sorry. Bombardier is scheduled to deliver two more by the end of May.

POLITICS

Premier fires back at Tory over budget

Premier Kathleen Wynne ramped up the war of words with Mayor John Tory on Monday saying the province has done plenty for Toronto and other Ontario municipalities, despite what he says.

"No government has put more money into transit in the City of Toronto than ours," Wynne told the legislature after listing the billions in provincial funding for various transit projects, including the Spadina subway extension.

Wynne said as the representative of Don Valley West she knows first-hand the challenges of Toronto Community Housing, which faces a massive repair backlog and potential closure of thousands of units. On Sunday, Tory said the province was not doing enough for social housing in Toronto.

Earlier in the day, Wynne appeared to shrug off a rift.

Mayor John Tory met with Ontario PC Leader Patrick Brown on May 1, 2017 to discuss priority needs for Toronto following the Ontario Liberal budget. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

"I think this is what happens after a budget. The City of Toronto wants more and, you know, that's kind of the way it goes," Wynne said.

But she also pledged to continue to work with Tory to address the repair backlog.

The premier's comments came a day after Tory toured a west-end community housing complex with flyers suggesting the province is neglecting its residents by ignoring the city's request to pay a one-third share of social housing repairs totalling $864 million.

Queen's Park dispatched Transportation Minister Steven Del Duca to city hall Monday to register the province's disapproval about "effectively campaigning against sitting Liberal MPPs." At the same time, Tory was in a previously scheduled closed-door meeting with Ontario PC Leader Patrick Brown.

"There's a fine line between passionate advocacy for your community and moving in a different direction altogether," Del Duca told reporters standing outside the mayor's office. "I think the behaviour is a little bit over the line."

An Ontario PC government would also allow TCH to purchase natural gas independently, which the city has estimated could save $6.3 million annually. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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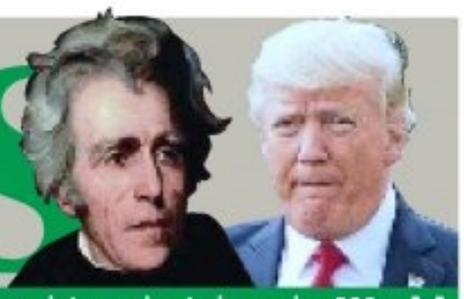

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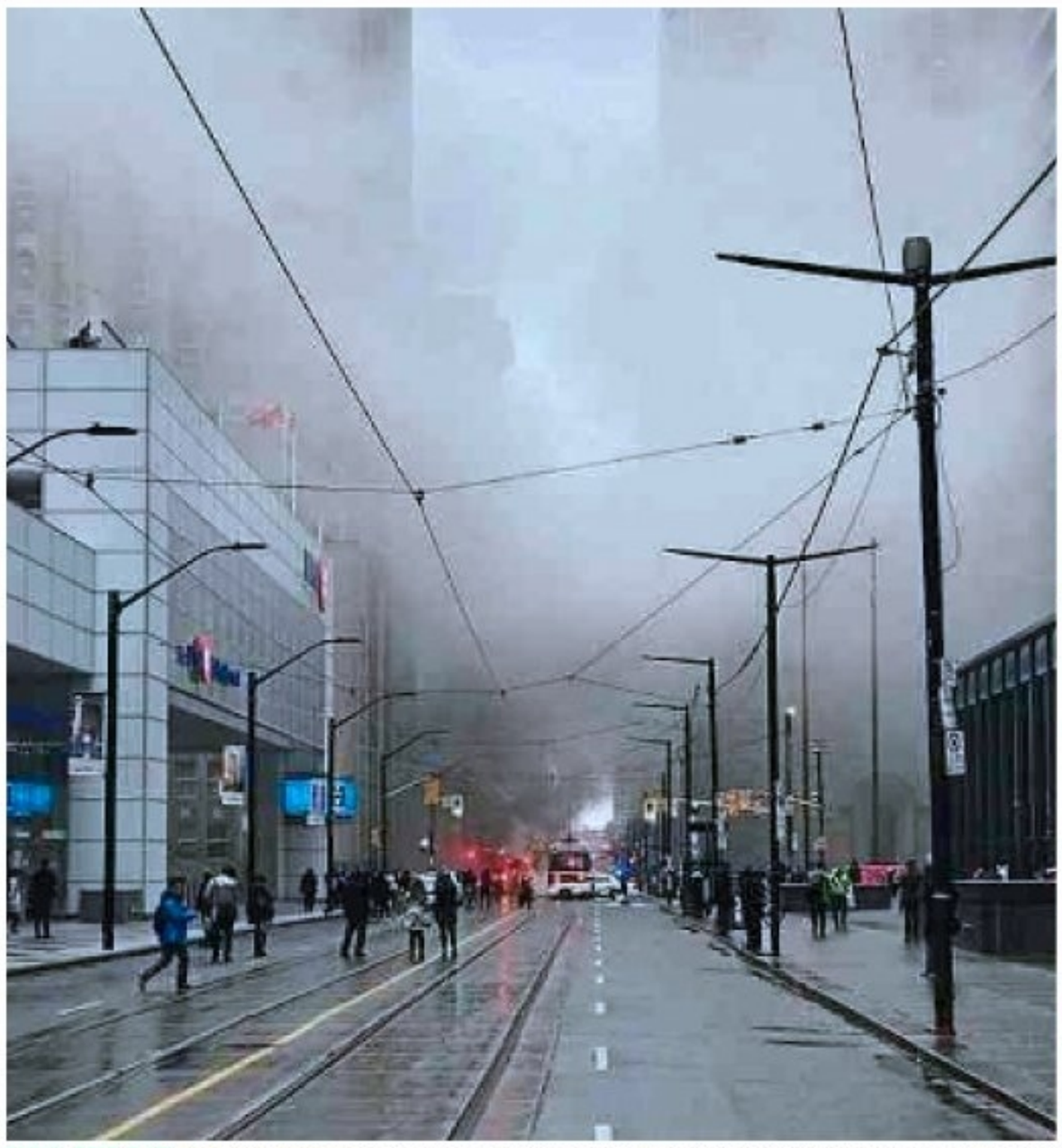
Trump's comments about Civil War, Andrew Jackson have historians scratching their heads. **World**



KING AND BAY THE BIG SMOKE Commuters in downtown Toronto were sent into a panic Monday as plumes of dark smoke and sounds of explosions disrupted the evening rush hour. Toronto Fire Services say the cause was a fire in an underground hydro vault near King Street West and Bay Street. No injuries were reported, and fire crews controlled and contained the fire, said Toronto Fire Chief Matthew Pegg. TEXT: TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE, PHOTOS: TWITTER

Toronto DIGEST

Toronto woman, boyfriend found dead in Belize
Toronto woman Francesca Matus and her U.S. boyfriend, Drew DeVoursney, have been found dead after having disappeared last week, according to a friend and local media. The couple's bodies were found in the northern village of Chan Chen around 5 p.m. Monday, reported Breaking Belize News.
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Couple wins tribunal case
The Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario has awarded $12,000 to a Muslim couple, who claimed their landlord failed to accommodate their prayer times and notify the wife when she was home alone before bringing in prospective new tenants for apartment viewings.
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Port Credit to expand
A 72-acre parcel of lakeside industrial land that has stood idle for 30 years will be transformed into an extension of Mississauga's Port Credit neighbourhood. The plan calls for 2,500 highrise and townhome units and office and retail space. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

T.O. wants to show its artsy side

CULTURE

Creative City title would be tourism boon, says councillor

May Warren
Metro | Toronto

Toronto is looking to certify its arts and culture scene as world class, and join the likes of Austin, Texas, Sapporo, Japan and Lyon, France.

That's the idea behind a bid the city is exploring to become a UNESCO Creative City.

The designation from the United Nations cultural agency wouldn't cost anything but would be a boon for tourism, said Coun. Michael Thompson.

"It'd be a great opportunity as a way to market, promote, and brand the city," he said.

It would also provide access to a global network of other 116 other creative cities, said Thompson, who chairs the Economic Development Committee, where the possibility of a bid will be introduced on May 8.

A staff report on the issue cites Toronto's thriving music scene, large community of independent artists, and film and television industry as reasons to apply.

Priya Panda, frontwoman for the hard rock band Diemonds, said the title would be great, but Toronto politicians need to do more to protect the "world class" music scene from slipping away.

"In terms of art and supporting the arts and music I think that we need more from our governments," she said.

Panda, who has noticed several live music venues have closed in the past few years, believes more grants are needed to support artists and musicians.

"People are being priced out," she said.

Aubrey Reeves, executive director of the Ontario non-profit Culture Day, said she hopes the designation will draw attention to the need for arts funding.

"We have to make sure that we protect the spaces."

OTHER CITIES

Other cities that have been awarded the UNESCO Creative City designation in the area of media arts include:

- Austin, Texas
- Tel Aviv, Israel
- Dakar, Senegal
- Sapporo, Japan
- Gwanju, South Korea
- Lyon, France
- Linz, Austria

Musician Priya Panda at the Cherry Coke bar. She's noticed less and less small live music venues in Toronto over the past few years. EDUARDO LIMA/METRO

Teachers, students walk out

BLACK LIVES MATTER

Director commits to anti-racism training

The director of the Toronto District School Board committed to making anti-racism training mandatory for staff during a Freedom Day school walkout event Monday organized by Black Lives Matter Toronto.

The all-day event, held at the York Woods Library theatre near Jane Street and Finch Avenue West, was intended to see teachers and students from across the GTA skip a day of school in protest of what organizers said is anti-black racism in the education system.

Along with workshops and talks, the event also saw an impromptu appearance by TDSB Director of Education John Malloy, accompanied by Executive Superintendent Jim Spyropoulos and several TDSB trustees, who took questions for about 20 minutes from concerned, and at times angry, parents and community members.

Toronto District School Board director of education John Malloy takes questions from during an impromptu open forum at a school walk-out event organized by Black Lives Matter Toronto Monday. JACKIE HONG/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

"Obviously, we're here because things aren't always working ... we know that there are problems with some of our processes and we know that we have issues of racism and we know that we have anti-black racism that goes on," Malloy said.

Among the topics brought up were the disproportionate number of Black students affected by suspensions and academic streaming, as outlined by a York University report last month, the diversity of TDSB management and what's actively being done to combat racism in schools.

Latin American Education Network co-chair Silvia Argentina Arauz also posed three yes-or-no questions, among them: "Can you have the Toronto District School Board, under your leadership, commit to anti-racism training (and make it) mandatory for all staff?"

"Yes," Malloy responded, to cheers and applause from attendees.

Malloy also promised to look into how many school resource officers are active within the TDSB and the cost of having them there; Spyropoulos could be seen taking notes throughout the session.

Afterwards, BLM co-founder Sandy Hudson said the conversation with Malloy was productive but that large systemic changes are still needed in school boards across the GTA.

"There shouldn't be police officers in schools. There shouldn't be children that are handcuffed in the classroom who are under seven years old," Hudson said, referring to an incident in Mississauga when a six-year-old was handcuffed by Peel police.

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COUNTERFEITERS

Retailer sues flea market

A lawsuit filed by luxury fashion retailer Louis Vuitton against a Toronto flea market could potentially give brands a long-awaited hand in cracking down on counterfeiters, intellectual property lawyers said Monday.

If successful, the suit would allow companies to go after mall and flea market landlords whose vendors infringe on trademark rights — an added weapon in an ongoing and often frustrating battle against counterfeit goods, they said.

The lawsuit filed last year alleges the owners and operators of Dr. Flea's Flea Market have knowingly or negligently allowed vendors at the facility to advertise, offer and sell counterfeit Louis Vuitton merchandise, which harms the brand.

Last month, an Ontario Superior Court judge ruled that details on various police raids on the market that targeted counterfeit products over several years should be allowed to remain part of the suit, overturning an earlier decision.

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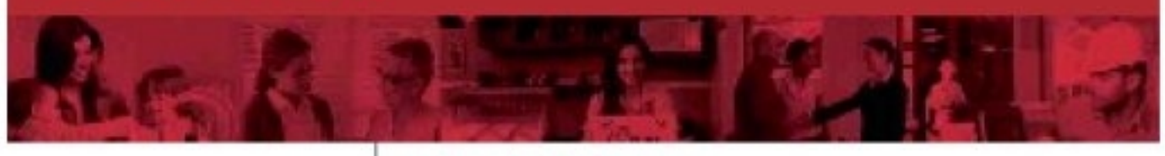

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INDIGENOUS ISSUES

Artist's exhibition cancelled

The cancellation of a Toronto artist's exhibition has sparked a dialogue about what indigenous art is and who can create it.

Toronto artist Amanda PL, 29, says her work is inspired by the Woodland school of art and acknowledges that it's "very similar" to Anishnaabe artist Norval Morrisseau's work, which features bright colours separated by black lines and abstract figures.

But after Amanda PL's planned exhibition at Visions Gallery in Leslieville was announced she discovered many people were "troubled" by her work. "From my point of view, authentic indigenous art comes from a place of our experiences, our personal narratives," said Chief Lady Bird (Nancy King) an Anishnaabe artist.

Amanda PL's exhibition has been cancelled over complaints her work copies work by First Nations artists like Norval Morrisseau. CONTRIBUTED

"The thing about the type of work that she's creating is it's heavily rooted in traditional ideals and different teachings and it's considered sacred, so it wasn't always even considered artwork in the way that we think about art now," she said.

Tony Magee, a co-owner of Visions Gallery, where Amanda PL's work was set to be exhibited, said following the announcement the gallery was "immediately criticized" and within 24 hours the event was cancelled. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

CLUB SCENE

Silver Dollar closes on high note

It was a dark and stormy night and then New Fries and Fake Palms and METZ — and suddenly, the Silver Dollar was no more.

Not that suddenly, I guess, since everyone has known this day was coming for some time, long before the developers who've purchased the property at Spadina Avenue and College Street in which it's housed finally gave it a May 1 shutdown date early this year. Nor that suddenly on the occasion, either, since everyone who managed to cram him- or herself into the Dollar on Sunday night for the last stand at one of Toronto's last original grotty rock-'n'-roll holes was left with a surprising amount of time to kill at the bar before lights out once the dust had settled on METZ's headlining set shortly after midnight.

That was when the reality of the situation sunk in, not least because all thinking had been well nigh impossible whilst METZ did its best to level the Dollar and everyone in it with its first hometown set in two years — a set crowned by the sight of talent booker Dan Burke crowd-surfing atop a round Silver Dollar sign, liberated from behind the stage and decreed "a surfboard" by singer Alex Edkins just one song previous.

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Kids of mixed abilities learn together

KINDERGARTEN

But parents, advocates fear program may be cancelled

Abby Dangerfield, 6, centre, uses her Accent device to communicate with classmates Masaru Fernandex, 5, left, and Isabella Green-Purdon, 5, at home in a condo.
RICK MADONIK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Most kids know it as "freeze tag." But to the 14 students in Paul Alcamo's kindergarten class, the chasing game is "freeze tag hand-up shout-out."

That's a version the kids designed themselves to make sure everyone can play — including friends who use wheelchairs. Instead of touching someone to "freeze" them, those children can shout out a name. Non-verbal players can raise a hand and point.

"They actually invented a new game, recognizing the different abilities of all our children," says Alcamo, teacher at the unique kindergarten that brings together kids with disabilities and without. It's on the site of Holland-Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital in Toronto.

When the children explained, "I was bursting with pride," says Alcamo, who has taught the class since its 1997 launch and encourages the youngsters to collaborate and think creatively to make sure everyone is included.

But now the future of the program — described by parents as a small but powerful model of inclusion — is uncertain.

The reason: declining enrolment of able-bodied students. The board of the Bloorview School Authority has given notice it will not operate as an integrated class and all spaces will go to other children who need intensive support.

That decision has galvanized former students along with current and past parents who plan to appear at a board meeting Tuesday to argue against the move.

"This is the dream; this is what so many families like mine who have kids with a disability want," says Beth Dangerfield, a special-education teacher whose six-year-old daughter Abby is in the class, where she receives therapy and uses an assistive device to communicate.

> **"This is what so many families like mine who have kids with a disability want.**
> Beth Dangerfield

The program is one of only a handful in the country, says Alcamo, who has taught about 270 children since it was launched. Delegations come through from as far away as Japan. So do Master's students from OISE/U of T.

Alcamo, who won a premier's teaching award for excellence in 2011, is accustomed to his students coming up with solutions like their adapted freeze tag.

It's evidence that when kids learn and play together in an environment where everyone's needs are equal, they become people who know how to advocate, think of others' needs and make sure no one is left out, he says. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Tory, Wynne should live like renters

(Continued from page 1)

Provincially, renters have been swift to demand help in rental housing, especially once it started to affect upwardly mobile condo dwellers. They've received it.

Similarly, the outcry over exorbitant electricity bills prompted a relief plan, including a rebate for low-income households, which will cost $2.5 billion over the next three years. The premier apologized.

On some types of infrastructure, it seems, there is money and political will to be spent.

It is not a coincidence that TCH's residents — the poor, seniors, immigrants, racialized people, non-citizens and persons with disabilities — are being underserved by several levels of government. Only at these intersections of disenfranchisement and poverty can you find such political malfeasance.

Perhaps Tory and Wynne should spend a week sharing a two-bedroom apartment without heat or water.

Then we'll see where the money is.

Tory and Wynne should listen to the disenfranchised. CP FILE

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Why experts fear another Fort Mac

FORT MAC: ONE YEAR LATER

Governments urged to do more to prevent disasters

Experts warn it is only a matter of time before another community in Canada is ravaged by a sudden intense wildfire similar to the one that hit Fort McMurray.

And the insurance industry says governments aren't doing enough to prevent destructive blazes before they happen.

In recent years, other big wildfires have caused extensive damage in Kelowna, B.C., and Slave Lake, Alta., or seriously threatened communities, including La Ronge, Sask., and Timmins, Ont.

"These were not one-offs. It is not a fluke," says Mike Flannigan, a professor of wildland fire at the University of Alberta. "It is going to happen again."

Natural Resources Canada says climate change is expected to result in more frequent forest fires that have severe consequences. The area burned could double by the end of the century compared with recent decades.

Sylvie Gauthier with the Canadian Forest Service says a warming climate has already made forests in much of Canada drier than they used to be. Last spring was one of the driest in the Fort McMurray area in the last 100 years.

> **Awareness is critical and at this point it is exceptionally low.**
> Bill Adams

As temperatures increase, so will the risk.

"The expectation is it will grow in the coming years," Gauthier says. "For a large portion of the boreal forest the fire season is also projected to be longer."

Another factor is that more people — a major cause of wildfires along with lightning — are choosing to live, work and play in forested areas.

Governments already spend millions of dollars every year to respond to wildfires and help pay for damage.

But the Insurance Bureau of Canada says more must be done to prevent fires rather than dealing with the destruction afterwards.

Bill Adams, the bureau's vice-president, says governments are spending more on measures to mitigate the threat, but it isn't enough.

"Awareness is critical and at this point it is exceptionally low," he says. "Unless we have a much higher level of awareness around this risk — and prudent investments and action taken by federal and provincial governments and individual citizens — it is likely that we will have another major damaging fire."

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Fort McMurray Fire Department acting captain Chris Relph stands among the ruins of his Aldergrove Avenue home in May 2016. DAMIAN ASHER/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

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REFUGEES

Guidelines for LGBTQ claims

A Nicaraguan man was refused asylum in Canada because he had not pursued gay relationships. A gay man from St. Kitts was denied because a refugee judge said cops in his home country could've protected him. A Ugandan lesbian refugee was denied because her story was ruled not credible.

Asylum claims based on sexual orientation are hard to verify and validate, as LGBTQ claimants are an invisible minority with no membership or specific physical appearance to prove their identity, presenting a huge challenge for decision-makers at the Immigration and Refugee Board.

That challenge has prompted the board to develop its first-ever guidelines on SOGIE — short for sexual orientation and gender identity and expression — to help decision-makers handle proceedings involving the LGBTQ population.

"Questioning an individual about their SOGIE can feel intrusive and may be difficult for the individual concerned. Questioning should be done in a sensitive, nonconfrontational manner. Open-ended questions should be employed where appropriate," advises the guidelines, released Monday.

"While an individual's experiences and behaviours related to their SOGIE may be expressed in both the private and public spheres, an individual's testimony may, in some cases, be the only evidence of their SOGIE."

Previously, proceedings involving sexual minorities were lumped into the general guidelines in handling what the board described as "vulnerable persons." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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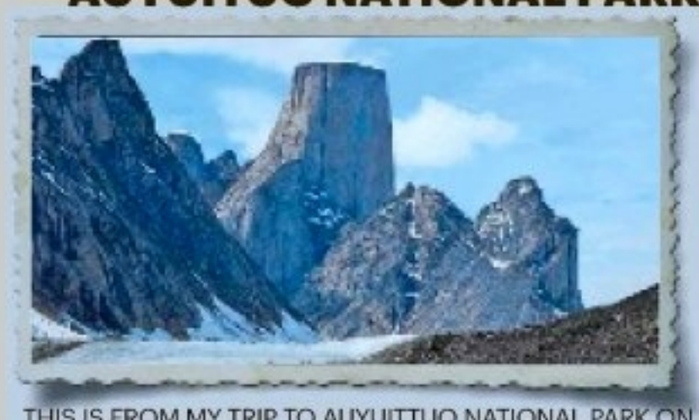

THIS IS FROM MY TRIP TO AUYUITTUQ NATIONAL PARK ON BAFFIN ISLAND IN JULY 2010. IT IS VERY REMOTE AND FEW PEOPLE VISIT THERE TO SEE THE SPECTACULAR SCENERY AND LOTS OF PRETTY FLOWERS. **JAMES HASTON**

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Trump's wall gets blocked

GOVERNMENT

U.S. Congress OKs $1 trillion to keep the country going

Erasing the threat of a disruptive government shutdown, the White House and top lawmakers endorsed a $1.1 trillion spending bill Monday to carry the nation through September, an agreement underscoring that Democrats retain considerable clout in Donald Trump's turbulent presidency.

Negotiators released the 1,665-page bill after Republicans dropped numerous demands on the environment, Obama-era financial regulations and abortion in marathon sessions over the weekend. The bill is slated for a House vote on Wednesday, with a Senate vote ahead of a Friday midnight deadline.

"We thought we had the upper hand because a government shutdown would be on their shoulders, and we made that clear," said Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., said in an interview.

Trump and the White House had made concessions last week when the president relented on his demand that the measure include a $1.4 billion down payment for his proposed wall along the U.S.-Mexico border. Trump repeatedly insisted during the election campaign that Mexico would pay for the wall.

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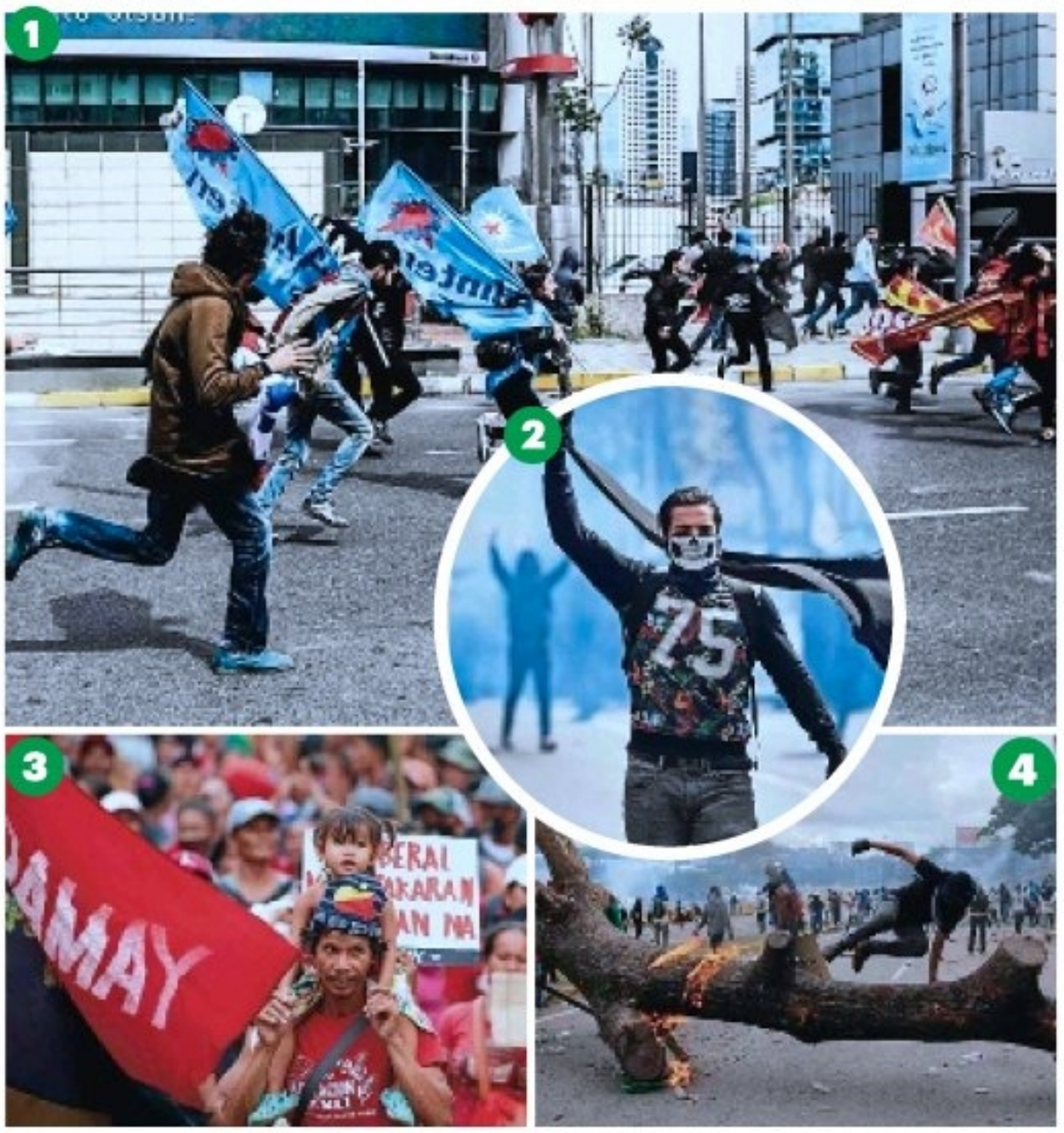
President gets his presidents confused

The U.S. president had a historical question: Why did America's Civil War happen? "Why could that one not have been worked out?" Remarks by Donald Trump, aired Monday, also declared that President Andrew Jackson had been president "a little later, you wouldn't have had the Civil War."



May Day marked by marches, protests

Workers and activists marked May Day around the world Monday with defiant rallies and marches for better pay and working conditions.

1 Turkey — People holding clash with Turkish police during a protest march towards Taksim Square. BULENT KILIC/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

2 Philippines — A father carries his daughter on his shoulders as they join protesters in marching towards the Presidential Palace in Manila. BULLIT MARQUEZ /AP

3 France — Demonstrators confront police on the annual May Day workers' march in Paris. GETTY IMAGES

4 Venezuela — A demonstrator jumps over a tree trunk set by protesters as a barricade during an opposition May Day march in Caracas. IANA CUBILLOS/AP

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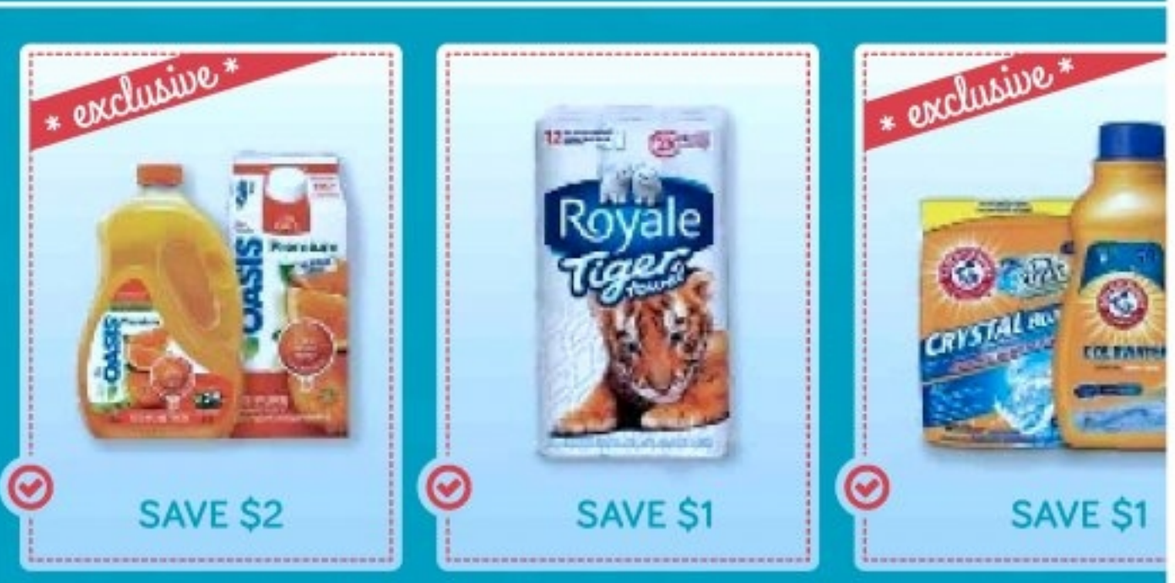

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Solving cities' No. 1 problem

Some of the world's loveliest cities are awash in unwanted ornamentation from public urinators. From rapidly developing urban centres to old cobblestone streets, when this basic human need is overlooked the results can be unsightly and dangerous. Though providing more access to public washrooms seems like the most obvious solution, **here are creative ways cities are taking control of our uncontrollable urges.**

Urinal Planter

To combat what Parisians call "les pipis sauvages" or "wild peeing," an industrial design firm created a combination urinal/planter. It mixes collected pee with hay, which then marinates for a year in the countryside. After it breaks down into compost, it returns to town to fertilize the parks and flower beds of the City of Light.

Outdoor Urinal

Despite $500 fines, the public (and their dogs) pee all over San Francisco. A street lamp was targeted so many times the base corroded and the pole toppled, almost hitting a driver. Now the city has constructed 27 public washrooms, including an open-air urinal in the famed Delores Park, which led to its own problems and complaints.

Urine Repelling Paint

San Francisco is also one of a handful of cities to deploy special paint that repels the stream back onto the source. The California city coated 30 walls with the substance, originally created to waterproof the likes of motors and machinery. In Hamburg's St. Pauli district, the treated walls included signs declaring "We pee back!"

Urine Powered Speakers

A Rio de Janeiro NGO harnessed pee to keep beats pumping, and the streets clean, during Carnival. Working like a hydro dam, urinals used the force of the stream to charge speaker batteries. A more high-tech urine-powered battery is under development with Gates Foundation funding. A version debuted at the 2015 Glastonbury festival.

Shame

Chester, England was founded as a Roman fortress in the first century AD. Now the city is protecting itself from urine with a classically British tactic: shame. Rather than go to court and face fines, pee-petrators can choose to watch CCTV footage of their offending episode, take a heritage awareness course and a walking tour of the damage.

Most of the designs combat a traditionally-male style of public peeing, that is, standing up. The people behind the French planter/urinal are working on a version adapted for women. But, as in many areas, women are often overlooked when it comes to providing public washrooms of any kind.

WORD ON THE STREET by David Hains/Metro

Walk in Jane Jacob's footsteps for a new view on your town

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Jane Jacobs was a journalist with no degree in planning or architecture. Yet she became arguably the most influential figure in city planning because she listened to people who knew the most about their neighbourhoods, in turn seeing cities in new ways.

This spirit informs Jane's Walks, the annual festival of strolls that coincides with her May 4 birthday. Locals lead walks, telling neighbours about something they're passionate about, from local heritage or transit planning to public art or pizza.

Jacobs, who died in 2006, was all about giving power back to local residents. She was firm in her belief that they were more in touch with the pulse of the community than city hall officials. Now she's something of a folk hero to city-loving people around the world (see: "What Would Jane Do?" buttons and T-shirts).

One thing Jane would do is explore. She would hear new ideas, and imagine all the possibilities that cities hold. She would go for a walk.

TORONTO | Jane's Walk picks

Bringing Linear Parks Back to Life: Originally a series of parking lots, three parks form a trail running parallel to Yonge St. south of Bloor. This walk will look at how the green space can be revitalized as a park instead of just a place to pass through. Friday-Sunday at 1 p.m., top of George Hislop Park.

Explore 'Accidental Wilderness' at Tommy Thompson Park: Learn how the human-made peninsula became a bird paradise. Saturday at 10 a.m., Tommy Thompson Park information centre.

Fifteen Dogs Poetry for People and Pooches: Retrace the steps of Prince the dog from the final chapter of Andre Alexis's novel Fifteen Dogs. Poems will be recited, and dogs are welcome. Saturday at 11 a.m., top of the stairs to Glen Stewart Park.

Find more at janeswalk.org/canada

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PARK YOUR KEISTER
After a successful trial run in 2016, Hamilton, Ont., has made its pop-up patio program permanent. With a permit, restaurants and pubs can turn parking spots into patios, a plan that 97 per cent of patrons supported.

FIRST LADY OF DESIGN
Michelle Obama is urging architects to look beyond downtowns and work in city fringes, building neighbourhoods for "a family or a child that feels like no one cares." She made the remarks to the American Institute of Architects, her first speech since leaving the White House.

CITY CHAMP Metro's citybuilder of the week

Don Grant is a cycling advocate and consultant who promotes sustainability. Based in Ottawa, he tweets about how to improve bike infrastructure and fight climate change. **@Dongrant18**

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DEFINITION
A **stroad** combines the features of a street, which encourages strolling to shops and homes, with the wideness of a road, which encourages high speeds.

USE IT IN A SENTENCE
Nahla should abandon her futon on the side of the **stroad** — their shared lack of focus makes them equally useless.

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A $100-million lawsuit has been filed against organizers of the disastrous Fyre music festival

Is 13 Reasons Why just a TV show?

Genna Buck
Metro Canada

A 17-year-old girl climbs into a full bathtub with a razor. We see her slice into her skin, we see the blood pour out, hear her cry and struggle to breathe. Then she is still.

The suicide of the heroine in Netflix's new popular series 13 Reasons Why is set up from the outset of the series.

So it's not a surprise. But it is a shock. And it has triggered criticism that it romanticizes suicide.

Netflix responded Monday by adding more warnings for viewers about graphic content, but the show's creators are unapologetic, saying their depiction is "unflinching and raw."

"Many people are accusing the show of glamorizing suicide and I feel strongly that we did the exact opposite," said writer Brian Yorkey. "What we did was portray suicide and we portrayed it as very ugly and very damaging."

The 13-episode drama, co-produced by actress and singer Selena Gomez, is based on Jay Asher's 2007 young-adult bestseller about a high school student who kills herself and leaves behind 13 audiotapes detailing the events that led to her death, including sexual assault, substance abuse and bullying.

Per usual, Netflix released all 13 hours of the series at once, on March 31, leaving suicide prevention specialists worried teens might binge the entire series without a chance to fully absorb the issues and ask questions.

"Graphic details about suicide we know historically are not recommended," said Phyllis Alongi, the clinical director of The Society for the Prevention of Teen Suicide. "I understand what the producers are saying but it could really be unsafe and I think we need to be a little more responsible."

Netflix and the show creators point out that several mental health professionals were consulted and they offer a 30-minute show called Beyond the Reasons that delves deeper into the tougher topics portrayed.

But some are going further, with the National Association of School Psychologists declaring, "We do not recommend that vulnerable youth, especially those who have any degree of suicidal ideation, watch this series."

The Ontario Ministry of Education has even issued a statement cautioning school boards not to use it as a teaching tool.

But what about the reactions of actual teens? They're binge-watchng the program in droves. We asked four girls for their feelings on the controversial work.

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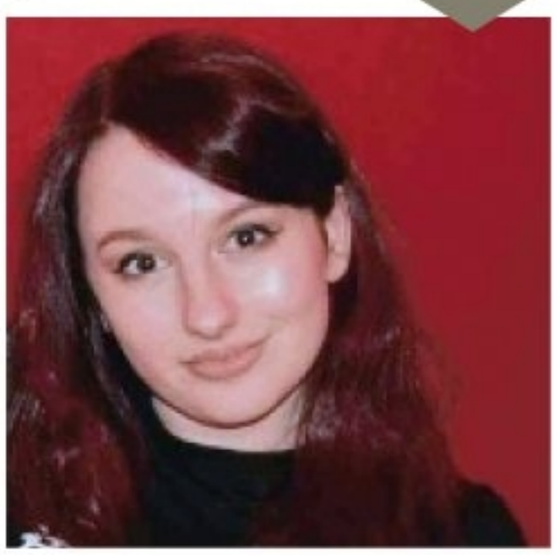
Director Helen Shaver coaches actress Michele Ang in a scene from 13 Reasons Why. Netflix and the show creators point out that several mental health professionals were consulted in the making of the show, but critics say vulnerable youth should not watch it. CONTRIBUTED

METRO ASKS TEENS: WHAT WAS YOUR REACTION TO 13 REASONS WHY?

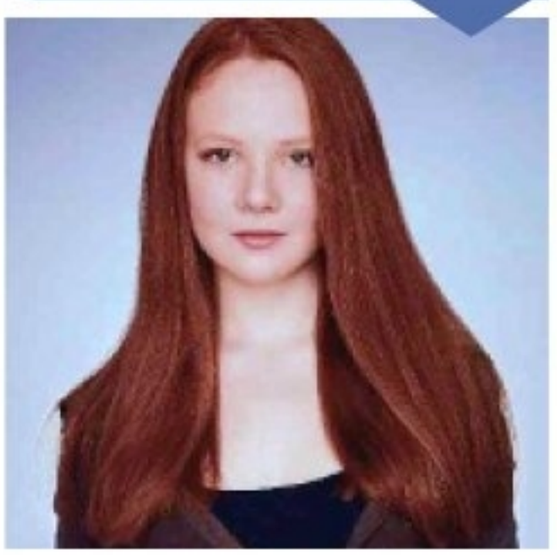
GENNA BUCK METRO

My friends and I have been talking about the main character, Hannah, in the sense of feeling for her and the things she went through: The fights with other girls, the way guys treat girls and talk about them, the teachers not wanting to talk because they're uncomfortable. (Teen suicide) has happened in our area, and it's not talked about until after. I don't think it shows suicide as vindicating. Hannah's story is over and her life is over.
RILEY SMIRL, 16, GRADE 11, CO-HOST OF TEEN PODCAST STILL BUFFERING

For people suffering from anything the main character is struggling with, it presents suicide as a viable option. A lot of people who are suicidal have a fantasy of, 'People will finally understand if I kill myself.' The show validates that. There's a depiction of sexual assault that's really upsetting. I found the (creator's) defence of it really troubling. He said, 'People need to see how ugly it is.' I don't think people need to see it to have compassion and understand the severity.
GABI KENNIFIC, 18, GRADE 12



The show's portrayal of rape culture brings so much awareness. I have actually seen a reduction in people at my school saying 'She's a slut, a whore, a skank.' To see (these issues) in a form of media that we interact with and we enjoy is really powerful. I think the arguments that it shows suicide as logical are too generalizing. They don't take into account the specific characters. It could be triggering for some, but all sorts of media could provoke that reaction.
LAUREN MARRON, 15, GRADE 9



The events that happened throughout the show were realistic. People really do talk behind your back and spread rumours, and they're mean in their cliques. It wasn't really graphic until episode nine, but if someone has mental health issues, it would be hard to watch for them. I might suggest they didn't. But it wasn't glamorizing suicide. If anything, it was telling people if you're ever feeling that down or low, that you should get help. SHANNON VANDERKOOI, 15, GRADE 10

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JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

The point where grief can tip into madness

THE SHOW: The Leftovers, Season 3, Episode 3 (HBO)
THE MOMENT: Grace's story

CONTRIBUTED

Lindsay Duncan plays Grace who confesses to killing a man.

In a delicate, seven-minute scene, Grace (Lindsay Duncan), a preacher's widow living alone in the Australian outback, explains to Kevin Garvey Sr. (Scott Glenn) why she killed a man.

Grace's five children disappeared seven years ago, in The Great Departure (a portion of humanity suddenly vanished). She thought they'd ascended to heaven. Then their remains were discovered, far out on the flats. "I'd never considered searching for them," she says, shattered.

When she found Garvey in the same spot, near death from a snake bite, he was clutching a notebook page. It described how his police chief son, also named Kevin, had drowned and risen again.

Grace knew a police chief named Kevin. She kidnapped and drowned him. "I thought he was testing me," she says. "Once I'd proved my faith, he would let me talk to my children one last time."

"But you're not an angel," she tells Garvey. "And God doesn't care about me. It's just a stupid story." Her voice drops. "I've gone a bit crazy, haven't I?

"No," Garvey says. "You've just got the wrong Kevin."

Between this and The Handmaid's Tale, it's a good week for apocalypse stories. In both, humankind reacts in rich, specific ways to a mysterious global catastrophe. What they're showing us, of course, is how breakable the veneer of civilization is.

The Leftovers is freer and loopier about it — this final season is often quite funny. But its greatness lies in how it zeroes in on one aspect of that veneer: how easily grief can tip into madness.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

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Slow flower trend begins to bloom

FLORISTRY

Move towards more natural, local looks is growing fast

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With vibrant buttercups and snapdragons bunched together with mint, pampas grass and branches poking through, Jennifer Fowlow's bouquets look like they were picked fresh off farmland.

And they were. The "slow flower" movement — a surge in homegrown flowers over imported grocery store bouquets — is the new aesthetic blooming in the floral business. This local, natural trend is leading florists to use what's in season in their bouquets — be that vines, bean stalks or roadside weeds.

Scroll through Instagram and you'll find thousands of messy, haggard and beautiful arrangements under the #slowflowers hashtag. You will also witness the breadth of the movement's creativity.

At Wild North Flowers in downtown Toronto, Fowlow and the team use all types of greenery with vibrant staples such as Peruvian lilies and Lisianthus flowers. She'll trim branches, gather herbs such as mint, and cut weeds from the alley behind her house or pulled from the side of a highway to give arrangements a natural look.

"Each flower tells you where it wants to go. You pick up each stem, the lines the way it's curved, and make the decision one by one where to go," says Fowlow, who opened Wild North last spring. Fowlow's studio works with 100 per cent local flowers bought from growers across southern Ontario from Dundas to Prince Edward County. "We're not manipulating the flowers to create some unnatural shape."

Traditional arrangements were designed tightly and vertically, emphasizing the bulbous shapes of classic flowers. But the trend in today's flower design is toward arrangements that flop sideways in uneven bunches, flowers that look like they would in the wild.

"There seems to be a step back towards appreciating things in their natural state," says Sas Long, owner of Floralora Flowers, a 2.6-hectare Prince Edward County flower farm. She has started to grow bean stalks, cherry tomatoes and egg plants on the farm along with many flowers that are difficult to get imported such as bearded irises and pincushion flowers, all of which she'll sell to florists around Ontario for use in "slow flower" bouquets.

"I think aesthetically it's a much more pleasing look than the traditional bouquets and arrangements than people had been making in the past," she says over the phone while birds chirp in the background. "People have access to way more varieties of flowers now than just getting what are imported."

The aesthetic trend goes hand in hand with what has been coined stateside as the "slow flower" movement by Seattle-based writer Debra Prinzing.

"The floral design community has been so innovative in just working with what's available," says Prinzing, who named the movement in her 2013 book Slow Flowers after the similar "slow food" culinary surge of the last decade. In the States, only about 20 per cent of flowers sold are grown domestically, says Prinzing. With the "slow flower" movement, that number is improving, and floral aesthetics too are evolving "like a fashion trend."

"(Going local) means your palette of colours is going to be quieter in the winter months, especially in Toronto," she says, though that doesn't mean customer demand has changed entirely. "There's always going to be that bride who wants white hydrangeas in January."

The movement has taken hold globally. Prinzing has heard from florists and growers in Italy, France, the U.K. and Australia who are adopting slow flower practices.

"This idea of sourcing your flowers locally is spreading across a lot of countries that have been affected by outsourcing agriculture," she says.

"Florists are figuring out there's a better way to beautiful."

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Sas Long (above right) loads a truck at Floralora Flowers farm in Prince Edward County, Ont. Long is part of the "slow flowers" movement, with a focus on locally-grown flowers like these double headed white tulips at the Toronto Flower Market (right). TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Melissa Zuccarini
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If we could take a moment and think about others instead of ourselves for once. Give up the blue seats to those in need. #TTC
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RELATIONSHIPS

Why single renters have it twice as hard

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A favourite pastime of mine is posting rental listings of beautiful, character-filled apartments in other cities (Pine floors! Crown moulding! A fireplace!) on Facebook, flanked by weeping emojis.

Finding an above-ground apartment in an urban neighbourhood in Montreal, Halifax or even Chicago for under $1,000 a month is a breeze.

In Toronto, it's practically the stuff of fiction.

Things are financially tight for many in this city, but single people — especially single parents — are at a serious disadvantage. The average rental cost of a one-bedroom condo in Toronto is nearly $1,800 per month. Finance gurus suggest spending only 30 per cent of your total income on rent. Sticking to that rule, a single renter would have to be earning upwards of $65,000 a year. According to Statistics Canada, the average annual income for individuals living outside of an economic family (i.e. a single person) in Toronto in 2014 was approximately $40,000 before taxes.

"Young and single tenants face a terrible situation in the city right now," says Geordie Dent, executive director of the Federation of Metro Tenants' Associations. "A low vacancy rate means that people are struggling to find any place to rent, much less an affordable one. It puts them into debt or unsustainable living situations. Many young folks don't know their rights and single folks have few others to lean on for support."

Getting a roommate is often the only realistic option for singles in Toronto, but roommates come with their own unique set of challenges. Especially for people in their 30s, 40s and beyond.

When you don't have a partner with whom to split rent, hydro, Internet and groceries, living expenses can really add up.

Christy Dukitsch, 38, is one of the luckier ones. The senior administrative assistant lives in a (borderline) affordable apartment in a vibrant neighbourhood. Still, she realizes she'd be better off financially were she coupled up.

"Two incomes are usually better than one," she says. "I could manage half of my rent much easier than the full amount I am paying now. Also, many couples own property, and if you play your cards right, a mortgage can be much less than rent."

Considering the white-hot real estate market, buying property as a single person in Toronto today is nearly impossible without a high-paying job and/or substantial family help.

"I will likely never be able to save a down payment and purchase property on my own," Dukitsch says. "I might as well grab a few more cats since I will likely be renting for the long haul," she jokes.

The recent provincial announcement is no panacea for Toronto's rental and real estate markets.

"The Ontario government is taking some small steps to address the crisis, but I would say it's a bit like bringing a bucket of water to a major fire and claiming you have things under control," says John Clarke of the Ontario Coalition Against Poverty. "The improved rent controls are too little, too late."

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BY THE NUMBERS

$1,800

The average rental cost of a one-bedroom condo in Toronto per month.

$65,000

How much a single renter would need to be earning to stick to the 30 per cent theory for rental spending.

INTERVIEW

Kelly Oxford gets personal in new book

Kelly Oxford's honesty and punchy take on the world around her is what made her famous.

The Alberta-raised, California-based social-media star has made her career by being both hilarious and relatable online.

Since making her Twitter profile in 2009, Oxford has amassed 768,000 followers and has another 159,000 on Instagram. She posts openly about awkward moments, politics and her passionate love for Filet-O-Fish sandwiches.

The 39-year-old writer, who made headlines last fall when she started the #NotOkay hashtag that led to an outpouring of first-person stories about sexual assault, gets personal in her second book, When You Find Out the World is Against You — and Other Funny Memories About Awful Moments (Harper Collins).

The stories range from her recollection of the night she started #Notokay, to recovering from a poorly-executed D.I.Y. perm at summer camp in Alberta, to the moment she made the connection between anxiety and armpit pain.

"I mostly write for me," said Oxford. "The stories were times where I was provoked by anxiety, times where I was stressed out, and the stories that I remembered the best or that I thought taught me the best lessons."

Dedicated to two of her dearest loves, McDonald's and Oprah, Oxford's second book features 11 anxiety-driven personal essays that leapfrog through different phases of her life, from memories of her childhood and teenage years in Canada to her modern-day life as a high-profile mother of three in the U.S. — sometimes linking the two.

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"That is the best goal I've ever scored": Liverpool's Emre Can who scored on an overhead kick in Monday's 1-0 win at Watford

Cavs inflict damage from downtown

RAPTORS
CRUSHED IN CLEVELAND

Toronto falls to 1-12 in opening games of playoff series

LeBron James of the Cavaliers drives to the basket against Raptors guard DeMar DeRozan on Monday night. TONY DEJAK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LeBron James, and the Cavaliers' three-point shooting spelled another Game 1 loss for the Toronto Raptors.

James scored 35 points to lift Cleveland to a 116-105 victory over Toronto in the opening game of the Eastern Conference semifinals on Monday.

Kyle Lowry had 20 points and 11 assists, while DeMar DeRozan finished with 19 points. P.J. Tucker had 13 points and 11 rebounds, Serge Ibaka chipped in with 15 points, and Norman Powell finished with 12 points.

But the Raptors had no answer for the Cavs' three-point shooting — the No. 2 team in the league in the regular season went 14 of 34 from beyond the arc.

The loss dropped the Raptors to 1-12 in playoff series openers, their lone victory coming in the second round against Philadelphia in 2001.

In a game of wild runs, the Raptors would trail by as little as two points in the second quarter, and by as many as 25 late in the third. The Cavaliers led 96-74 to start the fourth quarter.

But the Raptors would come no closer than 16 points over the final 12 minutes, and when Channing Frye drove to the hoop for a dunk with two minutes to play, it put the Cavs up by 22 points, and victorious Cleveland fans began to bolt for the exits. Both coaches then emptied their benches.

GAME 1 In Cleveland

116	105

The Raptors shot 44 per cent on the night, and were 10 of 26 from three-point range. They coughed up 18 points on turnovers compared to just eight for the Cavs. Cleveland also went to the free throw line nine more times than Toronto did.

Since 2015, the Cavaliers have gone 29-4 in the post-season against Eastern Conference opponents, including 16-1 at home.

Game 2 is Wednesday in Cleveland then the series shifts to Toronto for Game 3 on Friday and Game 4 on Sunday.

James was 13 of 23 from the field, and grabbed 10 rebounds, and had the crowd chuckling when he missed a shot then jokingly grabbed a beer from the courtside waitress.

James is the "hub of everything," Raptors coach Dwane Casey had said before tipoff. "He's a quarterback, he's a point guard, he's a power forward, he's a small forward, he's a shooting guard, he's everything. So the way you kind of manoeuvre and match around him is so important. That's what I remember most about him last year, is trying to figure that out."

Tristan Thompson of Brampton grabbed 14 rebounds to go with 11 points for the Cavs.

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NHL PLAYOFFS

Crosby leaves game after hit to head

Pittsburgh Penguins captain Sidney Crosby left Game 3 of his team's playoff series against Washington on Monday night after taking a hit to the head from Capitals defenceman Matt Niskanen.

The Penguins were in Washington's end of the ice when Niskanen cross-checked Crosby across the face with his stick. Crosby was skating by Washington goaltender Braden Holtby when he turned and faced Niskanen.

Niskanen raised his stick and hit Crosby flush. Crosby was on the ice in obvious pain for several minutes before exiting slowly under his own power.

Niskanen was given a five-minute major penalty and a 10-minute game misconduct.

Crosby entered the game tied for second in scoring for Pittsburgh with 11 points, including two goals in Pittsburgh's Game 1 victory over Washington.

Pittsburgh took a 2-0 series lead into Monday's matchup.

Crosby was also named a Hart Trophy finalist earlier in the day along with Edmonton Oilers centre Connor McDavid and Columbus Blue Jackets goaltender Sergei Bobrovsky.

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The Capitals' Matt Niskanen cross-checks the Penguins' Sidney Crosby in the head on Monday night in Pittsburgh. GENE J. PUSKAR/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Go to metronews.ca for coverage Monday's Washington-Pittsburgh game.

IN BRIEF

Argos offensive lineman Perrett calls it a career

Veteran offensive lineman Jeff Perrett has retired, the Toronto Argonauts announced Monday.

The six-foot-seven, 320-pound Perrett signed with Toronto this off-season after spending 10 seasons with the Montreal Alouettes. The Als took Perrett in the third round (24th overall) of the 2006 CFL draft.

The 33-year-old helped Montreal win two Grey Cups. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Jays rack up 3rd straight W

Ryan Goins hit a two-run sacrifice fly, the first in Toronto's 40-year history, to go along with a two-run homer that led Marco Estrada and the Blue Jays over the New York Yankees 7-1 Monday night for their season-high third straight win.

Earlier in the day, the Jays put right-hander Aaron Sanchez back on the 10-day disabled list, this time because a split fingernail.

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Hearty Tuna Niçoise Sandwich

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For Metro Canada

This hearty picnic sandwich goes to the office just as well as it goes to a park.

Ready In 1 hour
Prep Time: 15 minutes
Chill Time: 45 minutes
Serves: 4

Ingredients
- 3 Tbsp olive oil
- 2 Tbsp white wine vinegar
- 1 Tbsp dijon mustard
- 2 x 5 oz cans of tuna
- 1/4 English cucumber, sliced
- 1 loaf bread
- 1 or 2 Tbsp black olive tapenade
- 3 hard boiled eggs, sliced
- handful fresh basil

Directions
1. Whisk together oil, vinegar and mustard.
2. Drain tuna and place it in a bowl. Add 2 Tbsp of dressing to tuna and mash with a fork.
3 Toss sliced cucumber in remaining Tbsp of dressing.
4. Cut loaf of bread horizontally and use fingers to pinch out 1 cup of the soft bread inside.
5. Spread a thin layer of tapenade on the bottom of your bread boat, then a layer of basil leaves, a layer of sliced egg, the tuna and then the cucumber. Top with the bread's cap and press down gently. Wrap the whole sandwich in plastic wrap for half an hour or overnight.
6. Cut into slices.

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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

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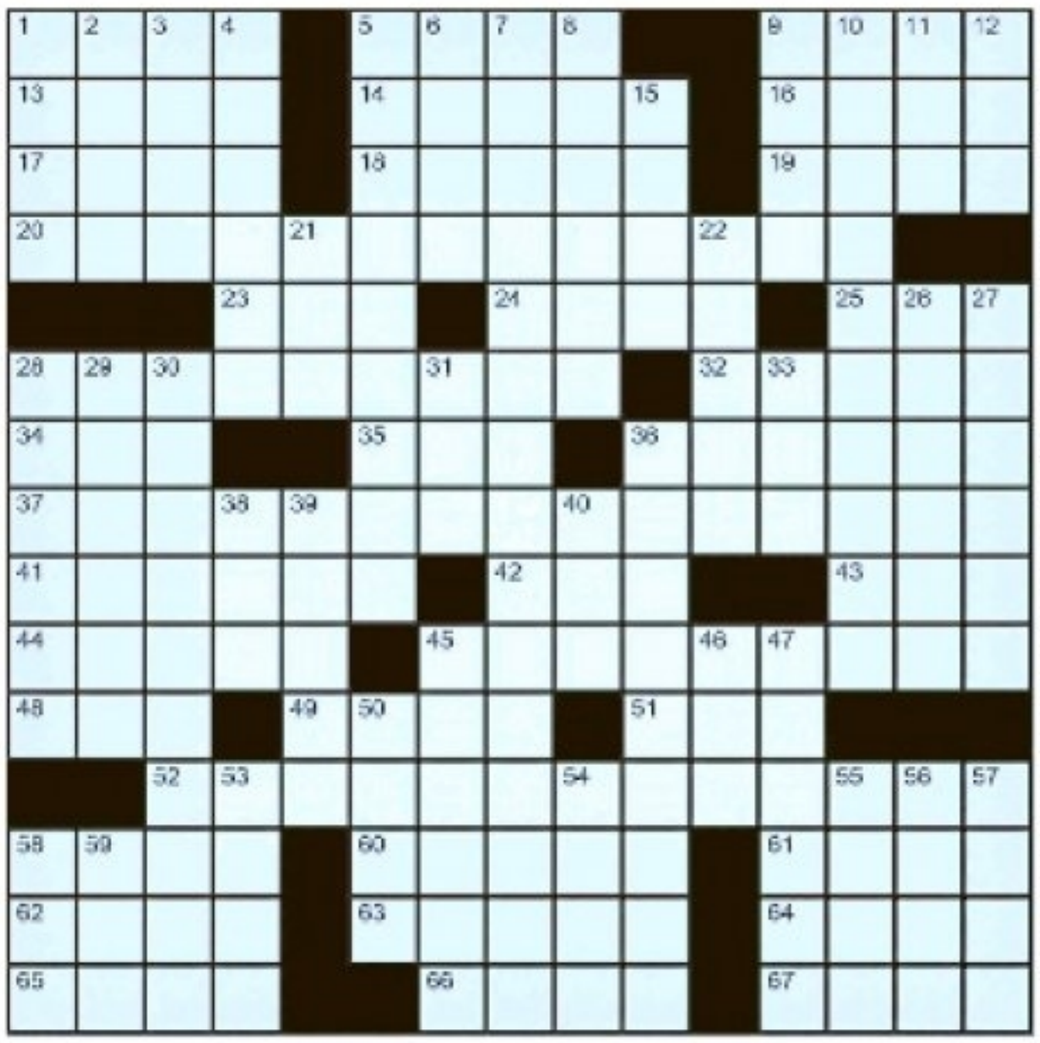

ACROSS
1. Grand money amts.
5. Barry Manilow's "Could _ _ Magic"
9. Glycolic _ (Skin-care ingredient)
13. Botanical angle
14. Ms. Gibbs of "The Jeffersons"
16. Software's test version
17. Nature's icy layer
18. Preamble
19. Ocean swirl
20. Headland on Newfoundland's east coast known for its historic lighthouse built in 1843: 2 wds.
23. Mixed bag [abbr.]
24. Library furniture piece
25. Spinning stat.
28. Historic neighbourhood in Ottawa
32. Free from knots
34. Prefix with 'lateral'
35. Herbal beverage
36. 'Now available on _-_ and DVD'
37. Royal _ _ of Canada (Canadian Armed Forces academy in Kingston, Ontario)
41. Gemini's brightest star
42. Mother goddess of Thebes
43. 'Musket' suffix
44. Beneath
45. Tina Turner and Bryan Adams on "It's Only Love"
48. Loaf selection
49. Cow-horned-headdress goddess
51. Speed _.
52. Shipping - Trade - Goods: 2017 marks Montreal's 50th anniversary as one, and it's the only one on the St. Lawrence River: 2 wds.
58. Switchblade
60. Britannica, e.g.
61. Affirm
62. _-de-camp
63. Stiller & _ (Comedy act)
64. The Dalai _
65. Imagine, archaically
66. Glopped-on-a-plate serving
67. Snow-capped sights

DOWN
1. Mr. Anthony
2. Corn lily
3. Droopy
4. Shirt part
5. Tariff on goods coming in from beyond: 2 wds.
6. Mountain lake
7. Hello, Dolly!: 2 wds.
8. Mark Messier's jersey number
9. "Wanna make _ _?"
10. Some of the forest's conifers: 2 wds.
11. "Why _ be an honour."
12. 24-hour period
15. 'Friends' in France
21. Exclude
22. Yorick, in Hamlet
26. Posh wristwatch maker
27. "Late Night with Seth _"
28. Kuala _ (Malaysia's largest city)
29. Like those diced bits that go well with garlic in the frying pan
30. Is set to make a ruling: 2 wds.
31. The Who's "Love, Reign _ Me"
33. Void, in Paris
36. Top of a vintage purchase of pop
38. 'Project' suffix
39. Burial shroud city in Italy
40. Showbiz signal
45. Lane and Ladd
46. Target-shooting event, in France
47. Antelope of Africa
50. Tulip 'trunk'
53. Microwave _
54. Singer/songwriter Laura
55. Ring's gemstone shape
56. Big win
57. Poetic contraction
58. Plank cutter
59. "Get galloping!"

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Sidestep arguments with female family members so that you can keep the peace at home, because something will change your routine today. Small appliances might break down.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
This is a restless day for you, because you feel as if nothing is reliable. Change is in the air. Wait to see what's happening before you act.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Money disputes with a friend or a group might take place today. Keep an eye on your money, because you might lose it. You also might lose or break something you own.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Relationships with bosses, parents and VIPs are unpredictable today. It's hard to say what will happen. Do not wake the sleeping dragon. Keep a low profile, if possible.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Steer clear of controversial topics like politics, religion and racial issues today, because an argument could erupt. Expect travel plans to be canceled or changed.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Double-check details regarding shared property, taxes, debt and inheritances today, because something unexpected will affect these areas. You are best prepared by being informed.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Difficulties with a female boss or a parent are likely today, because people feel rebellious. Nobody wants to be told what to do. Unfortunately, that's not always realistic.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Travel plans likely will change today. Ditto for plans related to colleges, universities and technical schools. Allow extra time so that you can cope with this.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Stay in touch with your bank account and any arrangements you have regarding inheritances and shared property today, because something might throw you for a loop. Make sure you know what's happening.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Relationships with partners and close friends are unpredictable today. Patience will be your best ally when dealing with the unexpected.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Your job routine will change today — it's almost certain. Equipment failures, computer crashes, staff shortages and other unexpected events will be an obstacle to your production and efficiency.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Parents should be extra vigilant, because this is an accident-prone day for your kids. Sporting events and social occasions will suffer from unexpected changes and delays.

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